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Aid of Young Men Desiring to
Enter Ministry Subject
of Conference.

BY MAMIE BAYS.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Montreal, N. C., August 3.—The first special feature of the summer assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church this week at Montreal is the conference of the executive committee of Christian education and ministerial relief. Under the direction of Rev. Henry H. Sweets, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., secretary of this executive committee, the program of this conference has been most carefully prepared, and no conference that has been held or that will be held at Montreal will present a greater or more important interest of the church—that of the need of the equipment for life work upon the part of young ministers, as provided in education, and the need of the church to make sufficient provision for the support of the retired ministers and widows and orphans of these ministers, those whom illness and age have forced from the pastorate and the other activities, in which, in many instances, long years of labor have been spent.

and ministerial relief has in view constantly, and labors constantly to win from the church at large a full sense of obligation and the consequent spirit of responsiveness as shown in interest and liberality of financial contribution.

Come from Poor Homes.
One of the foremost and one of the most pronounced facts in connection with the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and the same is true regarding the ministry of all denominations, is that a large per cent of the young men who enter this calling come from the homes of the poor, and with little or no means at hand to pay the expense of their necessary college and seminary courses. The policy of the church has been always and is now, to aid, as far as possible, worthy young men who are thus handicapped in their efforts to secure the equipment for the work of the ministry which the church requires. There has been a steady increase each year in the number of candidates for the ministry in the Southern Presbyterian Church during the last ten years, and there were 502 such candidates under the care of the eighty-nine presbyteries the past scholastic year. Of this number, 411 received aid from the church through the executive committee of Christian education and ministerial relief, to enable them to pursue their studies in the colleges and seminaries. There is urgent need in this church at once for 250 additional ministers to occupy pastoral charges at home, and the need for a much larger number to labor in foreign fields is imperative. The maximum amount of aid available for each

candidate during several years past has been \$100 a year, and for a few years the demand for aid has been so largely increased that the committee has found it necessary to reduce the amount to \$82.50 in 1911 and to \$75 in 1912. The full amount which the committee expended in aid to candidates during the year 1912-13 was \$25,106.40, which was an increase of more than \$9,000 so expended the year previous. This committee has given aid also to five applicants for appointment as medical missionaries on the foreign mission fields of the church, in the pursuance of their studies preparatory to their life work. There is urgent need for a large increase in the amount of money available for the committee to use in the interest of Christian education, and this need will be emphasized during this conference.

Interesting Facts.
The following facts regarding the candidates for the ministry have been secured by this committee: of 447 of the candidates, 220 are the sons of farmers, sixty are the sons of ministers, forty are the sons of merchants, seventeen are the sons of laborers, eight of the candidates are the sons of carpenters, and eight of railroad men, seven are the sons of physicians, seven of salesmen and seven of professors; there are six each whose fathers are lawyers, mechanics and newspaper men, four each whose fathers are contractors and lumbermen, three each are sons of manufacturers, bankers, insurance men and millmen, two each whose fathers are druggists, tailors, electricians, butchers, foremen, real estate men, and one whose father has no occupation.

No appeal of this committee throughout the year is stronger and more urgent, and none will be stronger and more urgent during the Montreal conference, than that in behalf of the ministerial beneficiaries of the church, including the widows and orphans of ministers. This committee recognizes the fact that the amount of money available to meet the needs of these beneficiaries is far from adequate, and constant appeal is being made to the church to increase the same. During the past year the committee has aided sixty-one retired ministers, 150 widows and eighteen orphans, thus giving assistance to 229 homes. The maximum amount available for the support of a retired minister at the present time is less than \$500 per year, and the average amount paid to each of these is \$225.13; the average amount available for widows is \$138.87, and for orphans \$75 each. Special emphasis is placed by the committee in making appeal to the church for increased funds for beneficiaries upon the fact that very few ministers during the years of their activity are able to accumulate an amount of money that will meet their needs when the time comes for their retirement or to provide for the needs of their families when they have passed away. An endowment fund of \$5,000 for ministerial relief has been ordered by the general assembly, when this has been completed the Southern Presbyterian Church will be in position to provide much more liberally for all beneficiaries. More than one-half of the desired amount of the endowment has been secured, and the church is being urged to complete it as soon as possible. The largest single gift which this church has received toward any one part of its work was the gift of \$100,000 from the late H. C. T. Inman, of Atlanta, Ga., for the endowment fund of ministerial relief.

During the conference this week, Rev. W. M. McPheeters, D. D., of Columbia, S. C., will conduct the Bible hour, each morning. Other speakers who will take prominent part on the program are these: Rev. C. G. Crooks, D. D., of Danville, Ky.; Rev. Thornton Whaling,

D. D., of Columbia, S. C.; Hon. Frank T. Glasgow, of Lexington, Va.; Rev. R. W. Jopling, of Austin, Tex.; Rev. C. H. Williamson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tenn., preach the sermon this evening, this sermon marking the opening of the conference.

Dr. Sweets, secretary of the committee, in the interest of which this conference is being held, will preside and direct the program.

Injured in Runaway.
Manassas, Va., August 3.—D. J. Arrington, former treasurer of Prince William County, and present secretary of the Board of Education, narrowly escaped serious injury this morning when the horse he was driving became frightened by a passing motorcycle and ran away. The buggy was slightly damaged, and Mr. Arrington suffered two broken bones in his left hand and was slightly bruised and scratched. He was taken to a nearby residence, where his wounds received medical attention. His two small children who accompanied him escaped without injury.

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Attend Congress.

MEETING WITHOUT PARALLEL

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Medical Men Will Meet
in London.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)
London, August 3.—Nearly every ill which human flesh is heir to is to be discussed at the seventeenth annual meeting of the International Medical Congress, which assembles at Albert Hall next Wednesday.

Seven thousand of the world's most famous doctors are to be present, something without parallel in the history of medicine. The program is encyclopedic. There will be 822 demonstrations, showing new methods of treatment for various ailments.

Doctors from every quarter of the globe—even from far-off Korea—will be present. Besides Great Britain and her colonies, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States will be represented.

Five official languages, English, French, German, Italian and a technical jargon only understood by the doctors, will be used during the meetings of the congress. It is thirty-two years since the last congress was held in London, and the executive committee has spent three years in preparing for the present one.

After the official opening by Prince Arthur of Connaught, on Wednesday next, Dr. Chauffard, of Paris, will give the first general address on medicine.

Interest in Dermatology.
One of the earliest topics to be discussed on the opening day is that of dermatology, which will take place at St. Thomas's Medical School. This forms one of the most absorbing topics in medical science, and all the world's greatest experts are interested in the proposed discussion.

In all there will be twenty-six sections to the congress, a majority of which will meet in the mammoth buildings in South Kensington.

Another topic around which intense interest centres is the treatment of tropical diseases, and much new light is expected to be thrown on the subject by Dr. S. Kitasato, of Japan, and Major W. G. Linton, of the Indian medical service, while the dreaded sleeping sickness, prevalent in Africa, is another subject in this department which is bound to excite popular as well as professional interest.

Vivisection will be discussed on Thursday, and a question condemning the vivisection movement is expected to be put forward as an international declaration of faith.

Professor Harvey Cushing, of Harvard University, will deliver the general address on surgery on Thursday, and the great German Professor Ehrlich, of Frankfurt, will treat of pathology.

On Friday there will be a joint session of the anatomy section, when a discussion will be had on the ex-

citatory and connecting muscular system of the heart.

"Heredity" will be handled by Professor W. Bateson, Fellow of the Royal Society, on Monday.

Of the more popular subjects, the variety may be guessed from the fact that they range from Egyptian mummies to impressionism in art. Dr. Wilcox promises a paper on poisoning by veronal, and Dr. Jennings one on the hypodermic drug habit. Another will be a paper on the affection of the eyes caused by undue exposure to the light, while in pathology the problem of shocks, treatment of tumor of the brain will be discussed.

The orthopedic section will have a paper on tuberculous joints in childhood. Other subjects include cause and prevention of suicide, injuries caused by motoring, and postmortem examinations by the state in every case of death.

Discussion of Crime.
The psychology of crime, infant mortality, which is considered so important as to have a section to itself, visual defects of school children, are

all among those to be discussed in the different sections of the congress.

John Burns, president of the Local Government Board, will address the congress Tuesday week on "Public Health," when radio-activity and other live topics will be presented. Other topics for the same day include prevention of suicide, drunkenness, malingering and death under anaesthetics. Two doctors have promised to deal with Napoleon's last illness, while in the animal world some startling revelations are promised in regard to the respiratory centres of the duck and frog, kidney and stomach trouble in rats and cancer in mice.

Dr. Herringham, the general secretary of the congress, said nonexperts are not expected to attend the meetings, as the subject matter and the manner of its presentation will be too technical for them to understand.

Walker-Arnest.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Heathsville, Va., August 3.—Miss Lucy Ernest, daughter of Thomas Arnest, of Hagia, Westmoreland County, and George Walker, son of State Senator C. Harding Walker, of this place, were married in Baltimore Thursday. Only the immediate families of the young people witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have gone North on a bridal trip. Upon their return they will be "at home" to their friends at "Poplar Plain," the old Walker home in Westmoreland County. Mr. Walker is engaged in the practice of law.

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